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SUBJECT: PRESS HIGHLIGHTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA: DEC 5-6

SUMMARY: ZIPA COMMANDER REX NHONGO S ESCAPE FROM HIS BURNING ROOM, ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS CLASH OVER WHETHER PRE-INDEPENDENCE ELECTIONS SHOULD BE HELD, THE OPPOSITION RHODESIA PARTY S ACCUSATION THAT SMITH IS INSINCERE IN AGREEING TO MAJORITY RULE, SMITH S PLANNED RETURN TO GENEVA, AND ANGOLA'S

ACCUSATION THAT ZAIRE IS DELAYING THE OPENING OF THE BENGUELA RAILROAD RECEIVED FRONT PAGE TREATMENT IN ZAMBIA DAILY PRESS. END SUMMARY.

1. ZIPA ACCUSATIONS THAT THE FIRE WHICH SWEEPED NHONGO S GENEVA ROOM WAS SET BY "SMITH S REGIME"

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CAPTURED BANNER HEADLINES IN THE SUNDAY TIMES.

2. A SHARP CLASH BETWEEN MUZOREWA'S DELEGATION AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NKOMO/MUGABE PATRIOTIC FRONT OVER WHETHER PRE-INDEPENDENCE ELECTIONS SHOULD BE HELD WAS REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENT,

3. IN AN ITEM FROM SALISBURY, MR. SAVORY OF THE RHODESIA PARTY IS QUOTED AS DENOUNCING IAN SMITH'S APPROACH TO GENEVA AS INSINCERE AND REplete WITH "POLITICAL CHICANERY". SAVORY ACCUSED SMITH OF PLANNING TO REVERT TO WHITE RULE AFTER THE INTERIM GOVT BROKE DOWN AND AFTER THE RHODESIAN FRONT HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS. SUCH AN ATTITUDE, HE CHARGED, WOULD LEAD TO A BREAKDOWN OF THE GENEVA TALKS.

4. SMITH'S "SURPRISE" ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL RETURN TO GENEVA THIS WEEK IS REPORTED AS BEING RECEIVED COOLY BY RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS IN GENEVA. NKOMO IS QUOTED AS SAYING SMITH'S RETURN IS INCONSEQUENTIAL. FOR HIS PART, SMITH REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO GENEVA BECAUSE THE CONFERENCE WAS STRAYING FROM ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSE. HE CRITICIZED RICHARD FOR DISREGARDING THE INTEREST OF RHODESIAN WHITES.

5. ANGOLAN ROVING AMBASSADOR, PASCAL LUVUALU'S CHARGE THAT ZAIRE WAS PREVENTING THE OPENING OF THE BENGUELA RAILROAD (SEPTTEL) RECEIVED PROMINENT ATTENTION IN MONDAY'S TIMES.
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